



Application No. 10/071,561

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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HARTIG et al.

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Examiner: Glessner, B.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants' counsel would like to thank Examiner Glessner for extending him the courtesy of an interview on February 25, 2004 to discuss this case. Applicants acknowledge and agree with the content of the interview summary (Form PTOL-413) prepared by the Examiner, dated February 25, 2004. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, in accordance with MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if the Examiner believes this Interview Summary contains any inaccuracies or is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Brian E. Glessner; and (2) Applicants' counsel, John F. Dolan.

No prototypes or specimens were shown during the interview.

Claims 1-20 and 26-38 were discussed during the interview.

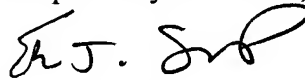
The following prior art was discussed during the interview: (1) Cathers (4,587,769); and (2) Thiel (5,873,203).

No agreement was reached during the interview, but the Examiner suggested changing the language of claim 1 to specify that each major surface of the claimed pane has a peripheral region that is substantially free of the functional coating. Thus, following is the proposed amendment that was discussed during the interview: the possibility was discussed with respect to claim 1 to specify that each major surface of the claimed transparent pane bears a functional coating and each major surface also has a peripheral region that is substantially free of the functional coating.

The arguments made during the interview are set forth in the Office Action response/Amendment being filed herewith, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. The general thrust of the principal arguments made during the interview is that the Cathers and Thiel references fail to disclose either a single pane that is coated on both sides and has on each side a peripheral region that is substantially coating free, or an IG unit with an exterior coating on an outer surface having a peripheral region that is substantially coating free.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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